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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR

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1. BJARNE GRINDEM (PRONOUNCED GRIN-DEM) BECAME AMBASSADOR
TO SAUDI ARABIA IN MARCH 1976; ALSO BEEN ACCREDITED TO
KUWAIT SINCE AUGUST 1976 AND TO QATAR, UNITED ARAB
EMIRATES AND BAHRAIN SINCE SEPTEMBER 1976. HE RESIDES IN
JIDDA IN NEWLY ESTABLISHED EMBASSY, ESTABLISHED BECAUSE
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OF NORWAY'S GROWING CONTACT AND INTERESTS IN COMMON OIL
CONCERNS WITH SAUDI ARABIA. EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT, HE HAD
PREVIOUSLY SERVED SINCE 1972 AS COUNSELOR FOR SHIPPING
AND AVIATION AFFAIRS AT NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON,
D.C.

2. EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT UNITED STATES AND US

INTERESTS, GRINDEM IS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD THIS COUNTRY. HE IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO US OFFICIALS IN OSLO AND WASHINGTON AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO REPRESENT NORWEGIAN INTERESTS QUIETLY AND EFFECTIVELY. HAS TALKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF RETIRING IN AMERICA.

3. BORN ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1927, IN ULLENSAKER, GRINDEM STUDIED WEAPONS ENGINEERING AT A MILITARY ACADEMY IN 1947. WAS MILITARY OFFICER (1950) AND ATTENDED A COMMERCIAL SCHOOL (1951). BECAME FOREIGN SERVICE ASSISTANT IN 1952 AND SERVED IN MINNEAPOLIS (1952-56) AND IN MARSEILLE (1956-57). WORKED AS ATTACHE IN FOREIGN MINISTRY (1958-60), WAS SECRETARY OF EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM (1960-63), FIRST SECRETARY IN TOKYO (1963-66), CONCURRENTLY ACCREDITED TO SEOUL (1964-66). RETURNED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1966. PROMOTED TO COUNSELOR IN 1967; BUREAU CHIEF IN ADMINISTRATION DIVISION (1969-70). CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN SINGAPORE, 1971-72. HAS ATTENDED MEETINGS OF NORTH ATLANTIC PLANNING BOARD FOR OCEAN SHIPPING IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

4. GRINDEM AND HIS WIFE, ELSE BEATE, HAVE TWO SONS. GRINDEMS ARE MODEST, FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE.

5. INR/OIL/B WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION THAT MAY BECOME AVAILABLE ON CONFIDENTIAL

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GRINDEM DURING HIS CURRENT TOUR. VANCE

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